

work. It's hard work to defeat terrorists, killers that wanted to achieve their objective. But we'll succeed; we'll prevail.

I want our troops to understand that not only does the country support them, but we'll—we'll win. It's in our national interests that we win. And we will. We've got some powerful, powerful weapons on our side. We've got the men and women who wear the uniform, people who bring such dignity and honor and bring compassion to people who have been suffering under tyranny and are now wondering whether or not the future is bright for them. And we've got freedom on our side too, and freedom is a powerful weapon. People want to be free.

And again, I want to thank you all for your service. I want to thank your families. I wish they were here so I could thank them in person. But your sacrifice has meant a lot. Congratulations for stepping up and volunteering and being a part of history. Thanks for giving me a chance to visit and have a little lunch with you. God bless you all.

Secretary Rice's Upcoming Visit to the Middle East

Q. Mr. President, what do you hope Secretary Rice accomplishes on her trip to the Middle East, sir?

The President. I'm going to talk to her tomorrow when I—Sunday, when I get back to the White House. We're going to have a good visit.

Q. What do you hope she accomplishes, sir?

The President. I said I would talk to her tomorrow.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:35 a.m. at Tamale Fiesta Kitchen. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Statement on Senate Action on the "Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006"

July 21, 2006

I applaud Members of the United States Senate for voting to strengthen our laws against convicted sex offenders.

The Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 will ensure appropriate

sentencing for sex offenders and will provide local law enforcement officials with the tools they need to track those who prey upon children. By supporting this legislation, the Senate has taken an important step towards providing our country with a strict, uniform system for monitoring sex offenders to ensure that they do not commit additional crimes against our Nation's children.

I urge the House of Representatives to pass this good legislation as quickly as possible, so that I can sign it into law.

NOTE: The statement referred to H.R. 4472.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

July 15

In the morning, in Strelna, Russia, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, at the Konstantinovsky Palace Complex, the President had a working lunch with President Vladimir Putin of Russia.

In the evening, the President traveled to Petrodvorets, Russia, where, at the Peterhof, he attended a G-8 summit social dinner and entertainment. Later, he returned to Strelna.

July 16

In the morning, at the Konstantinovsky Palace Complex, the President participated in G-8 summit meetings. He then met with Junior 8 student leaders.

In the afternoon, the President had a working lunch with G-8 leaders. Later, he participated in G-8 summit meetings.

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July 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the

Konstantinovsky Palace Complex, he participated in G-8 summit meetings.

In the afternoon, the President had a working lunch with G-8 leaders. Later, he participated in a photo opportunity with G-8 leaders and leaders of international organizations. Later, he and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Clyde Bishop to be Ambassador to the Marshall Islands.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark R. Dybul to be Coordinator of the U.S. Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter W. Tredick to be a member of the National Mediation Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stephen M. Prescott and Anne Jeannette Udall to be members of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Louis Mead Treadwell II, Vera K. Metcalf, and Charles J. Vorosmarty as members of the National Arctic Research Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Timothy Pawlenty as a member of the National Infrastructure Advisory Council.

The President announced his intention to appoint Sidney R. Unobskey as an alternate member of the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Lima, Peru, to attend the Inauguration of President Alan Garcia Perez of Peru on July 28: Carlos M. Gutierrez (head of delegation); and James Curtis Struble.

July 18

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with members of the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Then, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Ex-

ecutive Office Building, he participated in a photo opportunity with 2006 Indianapolis 500 winner Sam Hornish, Jr., and his wife, Crystal.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a dinner for former Archbishop of Washington Theodore E. Cardinal McCarrick, incoming Archbishop of Washington Donald W. Wuerl, and Papal Nuncio Archbishop Pietro Sambi.

July 19

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Salva Kiir, First Vice President of Sudan and President of Southern Sudan, to the White House on July 20.

July 20

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to discuss the situation in Lebanon and recent terrorist attacks in Turkey.

Also in the morning, the President dropped by a meeting between Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission Gen. Guo Boxiong of China and National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sharon Lynn Hays to be Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert W. Johnson to be Commissioner of Reclamation at the Department of the Interior.

The President announced his intention to nominate James R. Kunder to be Deputy Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mary Martin Ourisman to be Ambassador to Barbados, Ambassador to Saint

Kitts and Nevis, Ambassador to Saint Lucia, Ambassador to Antigua and Barbuda, Ambassador to Dominica, Ambassador to Grenada, and Ambassador to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

The President announced his intention to nominate Bijan Rafiekian to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the U.S.

The President announced his intention to nominate Karen B. Stewart to be Ambassador to Belarus.

The President announced his intention to nominate Todd I. Stewart to be a member of the National Security Education Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jane Marie Doggett to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities.

July 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Aurora, CO.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Englewood, CO. Later, at a private residence, he made remarks at a reception for congressional candidate Rick O'Donnell. He then traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to the White House on July 28.

The President declared an emergency in Missouri and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area struck by severe storms beginning on July 19 and continuing.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted July 18

Clyde Bishop, of Delaware, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Mark R. Dybul, of Florida, to be Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally, with the rank of Ambassador, vice Randall L. Tobias, resigned.

Stephen M. Prescott, of Oklahoma, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring April 15, 2011, vice Herbert Guenther, term expired.

Peter W. Tredick, of California, to be a member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2010 (reappointment).

Anne Jeannette Udall, of North Carolina, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2010 (reappointment).

Submitted July 21

Jane M. Doggett, of Montana, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2012, vice Stephen McKnight, term expired.

Sharon Lynn Hays, of Virginia, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, vice Kathie L. Olsen.

Ronald J. James, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, vice Reginald Jude Brown.

Robert W. Johnson, of Nevada, to be Commissioner of Reclamation, vice John W. Keys III, resigned.